

House Passes \$800,000 for Buffalo Police and Program for Women and Children Secured by Slaughter

Buffalo, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today applauded the House passage of key funding that she requested for the Buffalo Police Department and the Buffalo City Mission's Cornerstone Manor facility for women and children. This federal funding is targeted to address Buffalo's struggle with poverty issues.

"I am proud to announce that we are a step closer to funding important local initiatives," said Rep. Slaughter. "These critical federal dollars will go a long way to strengthen our police department and make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most."

This funding is part of the Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill, one of twelve federal appropriations bills. Rep. Slaughter secured \$600,000 for the Buffalo Police Department and \$200,000 for the Buffalo City Mission's Cornerstone Manor facility for women and children in the appropriations bill.

The Senate will have to approve this funding before it can be signed into law by the President.

BACKGROUND

Rep. Slaughter secured \$600,000 in the appropriations bill for "TraCS" equipment for the Buffalo Police Department to replace an outdated manual traffic and criminal reporting system with an efficient, technology-based one. This project will dramatically improve overall law enforcement capabilities by reducing the time officers spend filling out paperwork and providing much needed time for patrols and incident response.

Rep. Slaughter secured \$200,000 in the appropriations bill for the expansion of the programs offered by Buffalo City Mission's Cornerstone Manor facility for women and children. These programs include drug treatment and prevention, parenting and life skills training, GED and education tutoring, job and career training, healthcare assistance, and family counseling. The expansion of programs will allow Cornerstone Manor to more than double the number of women and children seeking treatment for and recovery from domestic abuse, homelessness, sexual abuse, and drug and alcohol abuse. There is currently a waiting list because of lack of space.

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